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July Events in Washington, D.C.

Fourth of July Fireworks on the National Mall

Description: Fourth of July fireworks on the National Mall with Washington DC's monuments and the U. S. Capitol in the background, as a beautiful and patriotic backdrop to America's Independence Day celebrations.

Date: July 4, 2008

Time: 9:10p.m.-9:30p.m.

Location: The National Mall on Constitution Avenue

Cost: Free

Additional Information: Can take the Metro to Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Judiciary Square, Federal Triangle or L'Enfant Plaza. (Smithsonian Metro will be close on the Fourth). All visitors are required to go through a security checkpoint near the Washington Monument.

Independence Day Parade

Description: Washington, DC's Independence Day Parade features marching bands, military and specialty units, floats, and VIP's. The 4th of July Parade is a patriotic, flag-waving, red white and blue celebration of America's birthday and draws a large crowd. Washington DC is a spectacular place to celebrate July 4th and the parade is the beginning of a full day celebration of America's birthday.

Date: July 4, 2008

Time: Parade starts at 11:45 a.m.; Public access to the mall begins at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Constitution Avenue and 7th to 17th Streets

Cost: Free

Additional Information: Can take the Metro to Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Judiciary Square, Federal Triangle or L'Enfant Plaza. (Smithsonian Metro will be close on the Fourth). Parking throughout the National Mall area will be extremely limited. All visitors are required to go through a security checkpoint near the Washington Monument. Arrive early to get a good viewing spot.

A Capitol Fourth-Independence Day Concert

Description: The nation's premier Independence Day holiday concert features performances from some of the country's best known and award-winning musical artists with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of top pops conductor Erich Kunzel. The Capitol Fourth concert and show includes an evening of patriotic and uplifting music followed by a spectacular display of fireworks over the Washington Monument. The event is broadcast live on PBS and can also be heard live in stereo over National Public Radio. Look at website for a list of guests and performances: [A Capitol Fourth](#)

Date: July 4, 2008

Time: 8:00p.m.-9:30p.m. (Admittance to the West Lawn of the Capitol will begin at 5 p.m.)

Location: West Lawn of the United States Capitol

Cost: Free

Event Producer: The Boeing Company, the National Park Service, Department of the Army, CBP, the National Endowment for the Arts and PBS.

Additional Information: Can take Metro to Capitol South Metro Station. Parking will be extremely limited. Arrive early to get a good viewing spot.

An American Celebration at Mount Vernon

Description The home of our first commander-in-chief will celebrate George Washington's contribution to America's independence and freedom on the Fourth of July with this annual celebration. The day will feature musical performances, a special wreath laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all (while supplies last), and a visit by "General Washington" himself. All events are included in regular Estate admission.

Date: July 4, 2008

Time: 8:00a.m.-5p.m.

Location: Mount Vernon is the most popular historic estate in America. Located just 16 miles south of Washington, D.C. and 8 miles south of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, the plantation rests on the banks of the Potomac River.

Cost: Cost is included in admission to the estate.

Additional Information: [George Washington's Mount Vernon - Calendar of Events](#)

Smithsonian Folklife Festival

Description: The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is an international exposition of living cultural heritage annually produced outdoors on the National Mall of the United States in Washington, D.C., by the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The festival takes place for two weeks every summer overlapping the Fourth of July holiday. It is an educational presentation that features community-based cultural exemplars. Free to the public, like other Smithsonian museums, each Festival typically draws more than one million visitors.

Date: June 25-June 29 and July 2-6, 2008

Time: Open daily 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Evening events 6 p.m.

Location: The National Mall; between 7th and 14th Streets

Cost: Free

Event Producer: Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center, and the Music Performance Fund, with in-kind support provided through Motorola, Sprint, [Tarara Winery](#), WAMU-FM 88.5, Whole Foods Market, and WashingtonPost.com.

Additional Information: Visitors should dress for hot and humid weather. Parking around the Mall is extremely limited, so visitors are advised to use Metrorail. The Smithsonian station (Mall exit) is at the Festival site. Federal Triangle and National Archives stations are close by. During the Festival, call 202.633.7484 to hear a recorded description of daily events. For general Smithsonian visitor information, call 202.633.1000 (voice) or 202.357.1729 (TTY). [2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#)

National Archives Fourth of July Celebration

Description: The National Archives celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence with a traditional Fourth of July program. The celebration includes patriotic music, a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence and exciting free family activities and entertainment for all ages. This popular family event is free and open to the public. Seating on the Constitution Avenue steps is available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Date: July 4, 2008

Time: 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Location: National Archives Building; Constitution Avenue, NW (between 7th and 9th Streets) Washington, D.C. 20408

Cost: Free

Event Producer: John Hancock Financial Services

Additional Information: Can take Metro to Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter. Look at website for more info: [July/August 2008](#)

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration

Description: Celebrate with a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, food, including the city's birthday cake, and fireworks. Festivities start at 6 p.m with the orchestra performing at 8:30 and fireworks closing out the program.

Date: July 12, 2008

Time: 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

Location: Oronoco Bay Park, Pendleton & Union streets; Alexandria, VA 22314

Cost: Free

Additional Information: Look at website: [Alexandria, VA : July 2008](#)

AT&T National Golf Tournament

Description: The A T & T National Golf Tournament, hosted by Tiger Woods, is a first class event featuring 120 top PGA TOUR professionals competing at one of the highest-ranked courses in the country, Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. The Tiger Woods Foundation will serve as the 2008 event's host organization and primary charitable beneficiary. The AT& T National Golf Tournament will run during Independence Day this year and will recognize and honor the men and women serving in our Armed Services.

Date: July 2-6, 2008

Time: Wednesday - Gates Open, 6:00 a.m., Earl Woods Memorial Pro-Am, 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Ceremonial First Shot, 11:15 a.m. Thursday and Friday - Gates Open, 6:30 a.m. Tournament - 7:10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday - Gates Open, 7:00 a.m. Tournament - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Final Round goes until 6:30 p.m. on Sunday and Awards Ceremony follows.

Location: Congressional Country Club; 8500 River Road; Bethesda, Maryland

Cost: \$25.00 Weekday, \$30.00 Weekend, \$85 Weekly, \$15 Ages 13 to 17, Children 12 and under are FREE; [Tickets are available online](#)

Event Producer: AT&T

Additional Information: There is no general admission parking available in the immediate vicinity of the golf course. Shuttle buses will transport patrons to and from the parking lots and golf course entrances during lot hours, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. More information can be found at: [attnational.org](#)

Capital Fringe Festival

Description: The Capital Fringe Festival is an annual performing arts festival in Washington, DC featuring more than 500 performances in several venues around the Penn Quarter neighborhood of Washington, DC. The Capital Fringe Festival introduces new, risk-taking art, and non-traditional performances including theater, dance, music, poetry, puppetry and more.

Date: July 10-27, 2008

Time: Check out Website for Schedule: [TheaterMania's Capital Fringe Festival 2008 Spotlight](#)

Location: Washington, D.C.; 607 New York Avenue, NW

Cost: Ticket prices range from FREE to \$35 with an average price of \$15. Two Festival passes are currently on sale, an All-Access Pass for \$300 and a Six-Pack Pass for \$75. With an All-Access Pass, a patron can get a ticket to any performance. With a Six-Pack pass, a patron can get six shows for the price of five and have the flexibility to see six individual performances, bring five friends to one performance or anything in between. Tickets to individual performances go on sale July 9th. Individual performance tickets will be on sale in advance. Tickets will also be sold at performance venues 1 hour before show. (Cash only) To purchase tickets, call (866) 811-4111 or [purchase tickets](#)

[online](#) or visit the Festival Box Office at the Warehouse Downtown Arts Complex at 1012–21 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Additional Information: Look at website for more information: [Home](#)

White House Summer Garden Tour

Description: The White House Garden Tours have been a tradition since 1972 when Pat Nixon first opened the White House gardens to the public. Visitors are invited to view the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden, Children's Garden and South Lawn of the White House while military bands perform from a White House balcony.

Date: Saturdays: June 14, July 12 and August 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: White House. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. Entry for the Garden Tours will begin at Sherman Park located just south of the Department of the Treasury.

Cost: The event is open to the public; however, a ticket is required for all attendees, including small children. The National Park Service will distribute free, timed tickets at the Ellipse Visitor Pavilion located at 15th and E Streets on tour days beginning at 8:00 a.m. Tickets will be distributed -- one ticket per person -- on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional Information: Carry-in items will be limited. Strollers, wheelchairs and cameras are permitted. Look at website for more information: [White House Garden Tour](#)